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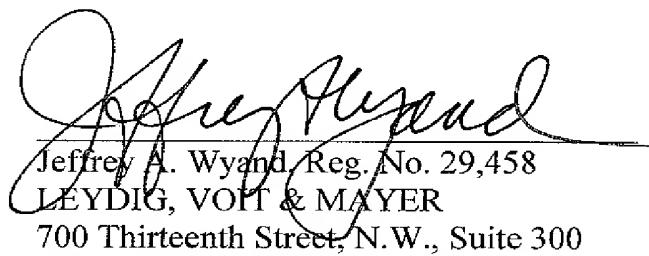
REPLY TO REVISED EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Sir:

After due consideration of the Examiner's Answer as revised and mailed on January 16, 2007, Appellant concludes the issues on appeal are fully presented in his Appeal Brief. Accordingly, no Reply Brief will be filed.

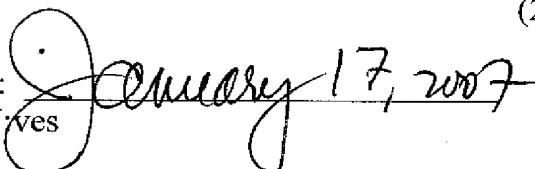
Appellant requests the patent application be immediately forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for a prompt decision.

Respectfully submitted,


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